

Dear Friends,

I've had the opportunity to travel to Israel three times to learn about the Bible's big story in all of its cultural and historical context. One of the most powerful teachings I experienced was about the role of the patriarch within a family to seek out any of his household who had been marginalized and do everything in his power to bring them back into the house. That's the official definition of redeem, and it's a task we see embodied by Abraham and certainly by God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Bringing the marginalized back into the family. Going out to get them when necessary. Applying all the resources at our disposal to accomplish those tasks. We know and live out these practices at Rehoboth daily. Over the past three years, we've invested in our SALT program to meet the needs of students with diagnosed disabilities because we want them to know that they too have a place in our family at Rehoboth. It's something we've become known for in the area, and each year presents unique arrangements and challenges. But it's the work of redemption—and we couldn't do it without your help.

Cowboys are redeemers too—chasing down wayward calves to bring them back into the herd, using their unique set of skills. This month, we feature Rehoboth middle schooler, Avellaka “Allie” Montoya, our very own world champion roper! Allie won the Rope Like a Girl competition in Las Vegas in 2021, and she continues to demonstrate an incredible commitment to her rodeo craft. She can lasso a target from 28 feet away, and she's an amazing barrel rider as well. The way Allie uses her skills reminds me how God chases us down and brings us back into the family when we're marginalized too.

With gratitude, Dan Meester
Executive Director



Thank you for your prayers and support!
Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

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Praise & Prayer Requests

-Pray for our SALT teachers who work diligently and coordinate many outside resources so that students who would otherwise be marginalized can be enfolded into the center of our family at Rehoboth.

-Pray for our sports teams who have begun their seasons. Game day travel here in New Mexico can involve multiple hours on the road each way, and we ask for prayer for the safety of our drivers and student athletes.

-In the weeks ahead, our first of the year's volunteers and groups will begin to arrive at Rehoboth. Pray for the impact of these experiences—both in our work at school and in the lives of those who visit.

Current Needs

-Our maintenance team is in need of a reliable pickup truck. The 1996 Ford Truck that was donated many years ago has become less than reliable for trips to town to pick up supplies. If you have a reliable truck that you would be willing to donate, they would appreciate it! Connect with Ken Zylstra for more information.

Tuition Assistance Need

The new school year has begun and we are grateful for your support as we seek to help families with tuition assistance this year. Our annual tuition assistance need for the 2024-2025 school year is \$1,910,000.

SALT Program

This school year we are working hard to maintain the great programming and supports that we have been able to implement over the past year. We are currently able to offer speech, occupational, and physical therapies, as well as life skills experiences through community work study placements. We are

also actively working to expand the mental health and counseling supports for our students as well. We praise God for the way he has provided for the SALT program, and how he has been working in the lives of our SALT students and families. The total remaining need to fund the SALT program for the 24-25 school year is \$226,502.

Volunteer at Rehoboth

If you are interested in information about volunteering, please visit:

<https://www.rcsnm.org/advancement/volunteer/> or contact Laura Blystra, Volunteer Coordinator at lblystra@rcsnm.org or (505) 726-9603.

How Can You Help Our Teachers?

You can purchase an item from our Staff Amazon Wishlist. Scan the QR Code with your phone camera to see the wishlist online.



Classroom Needs

-Our 40 high school biology students and 26 anatomy students are eager to learn from working with preserved animals and organisms. Prices of each vary from \$10 to \$160. The total need for the specimens is \$1600. Indicate HS Program- Biology & Anatomy in the memo line on the giving page of our website.

-Our new high school fiber arts class will teach students various forms of needlework, including needlepoint, cross stitch, and free hand embroidery. Items we need have been added to the Amazon Wishlist, and any gifts to this program will help with other needs not available on Amazon. Miss Wright can also use gift cards from Michaels, JoAnn Fabrics, or Hobby Lobby to continue to purchase supplies when more are needed. This class will give students a Fine Arts credit towards their diplomas. Indicate HS Program- Fiber Arts in the memo line on the giving page.